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### Peter Krause Bikes Across America

This summer, Peter Krause '12, along with three friends, will journey across the United States on bicycles under the team name TransAm Adventure. The 3,500 mile ride, which is affiliated with LiveStrong, seeks to raise awareness and funds for cancer research. The four individuals will begin in San Francisco, California and end in Ocean City, Maryland after their approximately forty-five day adventure comes to a close.

The idea for the ride, explained Krause, was first developed by Graham and himself on a bike ride from Annapolis to Ocean City last summer. "We met so many wonderful people, and there were just so many wonderful stories [from the trip]," said Krause. He continued, "It was just the two of us, and then we were just sitting there on the beach, ...and we were just wondering: what can we do on a grander scale?" Graham, who heard about a father and son team that bicycled across the United States on a National Public Radio broadcast, was inspired to tackle the feat himself about four years ago. "I asked Peter if he would be interested [in a bike ride across America], and the idea of Team TransAm Adventure was created," explained Graham. "I've always wanted to do something like that," said Krause, "so we just put it together."

Although the decision to affiliate the team with LiveStrong was initially due to economic reasons, Krause said, "It's been great [being affiliated with LiveStrong]. I think it'll help [at] day 19, mile 98....You'll realize you're doing it for something larger. You might as well do it for a

cause.” He continued, “It’s tremendous that we can do something that we love and also empowering people with cancer at the same time.”

According to Graham, securing “the LiveStrong endorsement was the work of Perry “From my perspective [the affiliation with LiveStrong] fell into our laps. We had contacted other organizations that we supported and none were receptive; but LiveStrong loved the idea,” he explained.