**Local nonprofits depend on funds**

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**Energy bills will increase in winter**

Higher demand for natural gas will impact University, residents

Timothy Long

Students living off-campus might need to grab another sweater to avoid the rising costs of heating their homes. Due to a six-year increase in natural gas prices, students attending Truman may see the cost of heating their homes rise by 30 percent to 50 percent in the upcoming winter months.

The average Atmos Energy residential customer in Missouri pays $152.69 per month during the winter months. By the end of the upcoming winter season, that number could jump to over $250 per month, an increase of over $100 per month.

"It's inevitable that gas prices are going to go up," O'Brien said.

This inevitable increase means that Truman residents will be considered when figuring out room and board for next year. Truman's tuition and fees do not currently cover the increased cost of heating.

"Any little bit combined by lots of people can quite easily make it," O'Brien said.

O'Brien said students living off-campus must plan their budget to take into account the increase in natural gas prices. When students move into an apartment or house, they must pay for gas, electricity, and internet service. Roommates will have to pool their money together to purchase the necessary items for their home.

"I think that even though gas prices do not necessarily mean being uncomfortably cold, it might mean paying a little more," O'Brien said.

"I tell my tenants to wear their coats inside the house because it's just not necessary. You should have the thermostat at 70 degrees at all times," O'Brien said.

Some tenants have utilities paid by their landlords. For those students, O'Brien said that they might not feel the increase in gas prices fall on the landlord.

"I'm getting nailed with the gas prices now," Mills said. "I can't control that if the landlord won't."

Mills said that they might move to more energy efficient appliances or cut back on the use of gas. Mills also admitted that their sections of students will affect those generations of students.

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**Cows on Campus**

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