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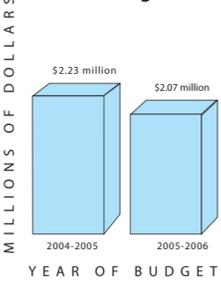
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**Student Employment Funding**



**Students' wages are increased**

Roger Meissen  
Design Editor

Time is money, and now students are getting more for their time.

The Board of Governors approved a student wage increase for the 2005-06 school year. Although funding for student employment in many divisions was cut sharply at the same time, these cuts will not significantly affect campus.

The 3 percent student wage increase took effect Sept. 1, raising the student employment wage from the federal minimum of \$5.15 to \$5.30 in the fiscal year 2006 budget. The increase will affect about 1,000 students employed on campus, according to a press release from the public relations office.

Michael McMannis, University dean for planning and institutional development and executive assistant to the president, said LouAnn Gilchrist, dean of Student Affairs raised the issue of increasing the student employee hourly wage in President Barbara Dixon's staff meeting. David Rector, executive director of institutional research and budgets, said this is the first wage increase on the university level since 1997.

"The last time [the federal wage increase] happened, we really got caught short," Rector said. "It was a pretty big jump from \$4.25 to \$5.15. We talked about doing several small increases to position ourselves better."

Unlike the student wages, the overall appropriations for student employment have been reduced. This reduction in funds varies by division or area, Rector said.

"In the academic areas, several of the divisions were trimmed back because they hadn't been spending the money," Rector said. "That helped us balance the budget."

This year's budget contains about \$158,000 less for student employment. However, Rector said last year only \$1,804,225 of the \$2,233,069 total student employment budget was used, which was a major consideration in reducing the budget to \$2,074,869.

Doug Davenport, social science interim dean, said his division received a 29 percent decrease in student employment funds. He said the division uses the majority of these funds to pay workers in the social science division office and students collaborating in research with faculty.

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**Truman takes on Katrina**



Junior Tom Lecaque sits on his bed. He has yet to finish unpacking after transferring from Tulane to Truman.



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Tulane University sits underwater Sept. 7 in New Orleans.

wire photo

**Student aids relief as Guard**

Amanda Boyle  
Staff Reporter

Graduate student and 2nd Lt. Jeff Blankenship was one of thousands of Missouri National Guardsmen sent to aid in relief efforts near New Orleans.

Senior Kelly Blankenship said her husband, a member of the National Guard unit in Aldany, Mo., received the call Aug. 31 informing him his unit was being sent to the New Orleans area. She said he had to leave the following day.

"It was really hard because we were notified less than 24 hours in advance," Kelly Blankenship said. "It was hard to deal with the news he was leaving, get him ready and deal with the goodbyes less than 24 hours later."

Jeff Blankenship, who has since returned to Kirksville, said he was anxious when he found out he was heading to Louisiana.

"For some reason, it never crossed my mind that they would need the Missouri National Guard down in Louisiana, so I was a little bit surprised," he said. "I was nervous because of some news stories I had been hearing of the violence and upset because this was my first appointment since Kelly and I got married [in January], and the family aspect is kind of hard."

Kelly Blankenship said that when her husband left Kirksville, they had no idea what he would do when he got to New Orleans.

Jeff Blankenship said that while he was in Louisiana, his unit along with some attachments from the St. Louis Air National Guard were working on securing the city of Gretna, La., outside of New Orleans. He said that by the time they arrived, the looting was not a big threat anymore, but they had soldiers working 24 hours a day to make sure only Gretna citizens were in the city.

"There had been looting in Gretna prior to [our arrival], and the police had to deal with that," Jeff Blankenship said. "We were just there to relieve them and to keep people out so they could begin the rebuilding process."

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**Truman opens doors to ousted students**

Alison Bowen  
News Editor

A blown spark plug wire helped junior Tom Lecaque dodge a national disaster.

Lecaque was en route to his third year at Tulane University when car trouble forced him and a friend to spend the night in Memphis, Tenn. The next day, New Orleans officials ordered mandatory evacuations.

"I lucked out," he said.

Lecaque said he held out hope for returning to Tulane but soon realized that he would have to

choose a new school until Tulane reopens.

"The moment the levees broke, it was pretty obvious what was going to happen," he said. "You can't run a university when the rest of the city's underwater."

Lecaque, who grew up in Kirksville, was the first of six students from hurricane-stricken areas to register at Truman after Hurricane Katrina.

Co-Director of Admission, Melody Chambers said his situation prompted the admission office to consider ways they could help other students. They were able to

expedite the admission process, providing answers to students within hours.

"Obviously, one of our main concerns was getting them in a safe place but [also] ... making sure they were in the classroom as soon as possible," Chambers said.

Some students had previously applied to Truman and been accepted, making the paperwork process much easier, she said. Others, however, were not able to provide all of the traditional paperwork because of the flooding in their universities.

"[For] people that weren't able to get official documents, we worked with what they could provide and looked at whether this seemed to be a good place academically for them," she said.

Lecaque said initially he did not think he would have a school to go back to.

"I'd already accepted that I was going to lose my city," he said. "So after that, it was like, hey, so we're underwater but at least there are still things to be underwater."

Lecaque, a former beer vendor at the Superdome, said it is strange to see places that he used to drive

by or shop at on the news.

"It hurts to see places you know really well and see them the way they are now, when you have all these memories of the way they used to be," he said.

Freshman Colleen Rafferty only had one night to explore and enjoy her dream school. Rafferty moved into Loyola the Friday before Katrina hit New Orleans.

The next day, Rafferty said she was in her pajamas when she found out she only had five minutes to pack before evacuating with a friend's family.

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**Cisco Clean Access confounds campus computers**

Alan Venneman  
Staff Reporter

Sophomore Abigail Burns logged on once again to check her e-mail.

She could only stay on 30 minutes before Cisco Clean Access automatically logged her off. Burns' computer was one of many in the residence halls that experienced problems adjusting to Truman's new Clean Access software.

Tim Warren, executive director of ITS, said that because Clean Access is new, ITS encountered obstacles getting the system accustomed to Truman's networks. McAfee and Cisco Clean Access came out with new updates at the same time. Warren said the Cisco update was

automatic, and Clean Access required students to download the new McAfee update, but it caused an error message. If the student did not read the message, then he or she would not know to find the update on the Web, Warren said.

"That was our problem," Warren said. "The students got stuck in a loop."

For now, however, the problem is over. ITS released an e-mail Sept. 12 announcing they had updated Clean Access, thereby fixing the McAfee problem. Students in the residence halls can upgrade at next login.

Warren said students like Burns were able to access the Internet for 30-minute intervals, find the proper update and clean his or her machine. Burns, like most students, was un-

aware of the problem and instead using the 30 minutes to Web surf.

"It just seems kind of a nuisance," Burns said. "I haven't gone over to [ITS], and it's my own fault."

Warren said Clean Access is an authentication system used to validate programs, which means Clean Access only will allow safe computers onto Truman's system. Warren said ITS installed the program to speed up and make Truman's system safer.

Warren said ITS questioned the security of the old login system itself. Last year, Truman chose a new Cisco network, which was faster and better, he said. Faster networks meant that viruses could spread quicker on students' computers, Warren said.

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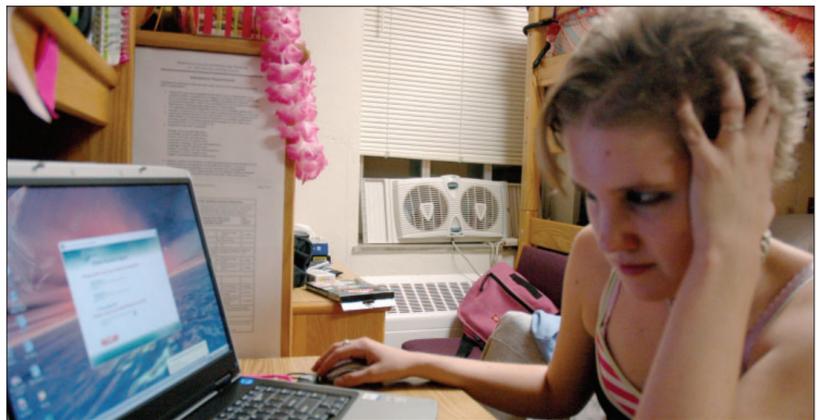


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Act will force drugstores to sell pseudoephedrine behind the counters.



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Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Scattered T-storms
High 80	High 80	High 82
Low 51	Low 61	Low 60